

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1(currently amended). A method for obtaining audio files ~~music system~~ comprising:

- (a) a server containing a plurality of digital songs; and
- (b) a user obtaining a plurality of different songs from said server, wherein said obtaining is not in the nature of a rental, a lease, or a lending. user selecting an audio file from a provider;
- (b) transferring a copy of said audio file to said user;
- (c) said provider not providing another copy of said audio file to another user while said user has said copy of said audio file;
- (d) said user no longer having said audio file; and
- (e) said provider making available said audio file to another user.

2(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said transferring is after ownership of said audio file is transferred to said user.

3(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said provider has ownership rights to two copies of said audio file.

4(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said provider has ownership of a corresponding compact disk having said audio file in a format having a substantially larger size.

5(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said provider ensures a copy of said audio file is not provided to another before said transferring.

6(new). The method of claim 5 wherein said transferring is performed if said provider has ownership right is n more than one copy of said audio file.

7(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said user provides ownership rights in said audio file to said provider.

8(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said user purchases an album from said provider.

9(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said transfer is not in the nature of a rental, a lease, lending, or by any other act or practice in the nature of rental, lease, or lending.

10(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said user has ownership of a plurality of audio files in the custody of said provider.

11(new). The method of claim 10 wherein said audio files are on a plurality of different albums.

12(new). The method of claim 11 wherein said albums are compact disks.